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NINETIETH YEAR

The following article giving an outline history of our Conference paper, THE PACIFIC, *which is now entering on its 90th year, was written by Dr. W. W. Ferrier who for many years was the editor. No one is more fitted to do this.*

THE PACIFIC IN ITS EARLIEST YEARS

The establishing of THE PACIFIC in 1851 was one of the courageous ventures of the consecrated men who laid the religious foundations of California. The publication of such a paper was first considered in October, 1849, when the Reverends S. H. Willey, J. A. Benton, and S. V. Blakeslee met in Sacramento for consultation concerning the needs of the territory religiously and educationally. The first steps toward such a publication were taken on the 20th of May, 1851, in the house of worship of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco on the corner of Jackson and Virginia Streets. Congregationalists and New School Presbyterians united in the founding of the paper and continued in this cooperation until 1863 when the Congregationalists took full control and direction.

At the time THE PACIFIC, the first religious newspaper in California, was established, there were only three Congregational churches in the state, their locations being in San Francisco, Sacramento and Nevada City. There were two New School Presbyterian churches; one in San Francisco, one in Marysvile; and an Independent Presbyterian church at San Jose—in which Congregationalists were for several years the leading members.

The total membership of these six churches did not exceed 250. Religious work was carried on in a few other places, mostly in the mining regions, but no churches of these denominations had been organized at these places.

The Rev. J. W. Douglass, one of the two men who had come to California in 1849 under commission from the American Home Missionary Society, through which Congregationalists and New School Presbyterians were carrying on their home missionary work, was persuaded to become publisher and managing editor. Financial backing was promised, and cooperation in the editorial work.

The first number was issued on the first of August, 1851, as "A Religious and Family Newspaper"—"edited by the Rev. J. W. Douglass with the co-operation of Rev. J. A. Benton of Sacramento, Rev. S. H. Willey and Rev. T. D. Hunt of San Francisco" It was stated that it was "devoted to Religion, Education and General Intelligence." In a salutory it was remarked: "It will contain a summary of the news of each week and some selections of a miscellaneous kind. The articles will be mostly of a religious and practical sort—with a view to form the mind and regulate the conduct. It will advocate all that is holy, lovely, excellent, and of good report. It will be neutral in nothing. It will aim to be somewhat wherever it may appear. It will advocate the great doctrine of the gospel, insist on a pure morality, and urge obedience to the laws of God and man. The field of politics it will avoid; but any crooked policy will be likely to fall in its way. It promises to let nobody alone, because it is the advocate of

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JUST A LITTLE BIT BETTER

Yes, it was a gain—not a large one, but substantial and encouraging. The figures herewith include only the moneys that were remitted to the office of the Northern California Congregational Conference, and do not include those which were sent directly by churches and individuals to the offices of the national Boards.

As is well known, all designations are rigidly observed. Undesignated money is divided as follows: For Foreign Missions, 22 per cent; for Home Missions, 21 per cent; for the Council for Social Action, 3 per cent; for the Conference, including state ministerial relief, 54 per cent. The distribution, including designations, for the year 1939 is as follows:

For the Board of Home Missions, including the Council for Social Action....$7,502.11
(This is a gain of $95.89 over 1938.)

For the American Board (Foreign Missions).....$7,354.24
(This is $124.23 less than in 1938.)

For our State Conference and Home Missions, including Ministerial Relief $20,085.06
(This is a gain of $639.54 over the combined income for Conference and C.M.R.S. in 1938.)

Total for State, National and Foreign Work.....$34,941.41
(This is a gain of $611.20 over 1938.)

Word comes from Superintendent Gill that figures released at Evanston show that apportionment receipts from Northern California *including* those sent directly to the offices of the Boards of Missions as well as those sent to the Conference treasury amount to $36,439, or a gain of $341, which is about .9 of 1 per cent. Throughout the nation as a whole apportionment receipts dropped $11,745. Again attention is called to the fact that every year but one since the depression started Northern California churches have done better than the average. For this we are profoundly grateful and deeply humble. Our brethren in Southern California are to be commended highly for a gain of 9 per cent.

The Conference Treasurer's report, read at the January meeting of the Board, shows a current operating deficit of more than $1800 for the first nine months of the fiscal year, which is more than double that of one year ago. This seems to be occasioned by reduced earnings on investments. It means that in the "anchor lap," between now and March 31, new money must be found.

FOR USE IN FAMILY DEVOTIONS

THE PACIFIC *is publishing these prayers at the request of the State Conference, in the hope that pastors will get them into the hands of their people for daily use. They were furnished by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce.*

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

We thank Thee, Lord, for all Thy love;
For life, and friends, and daily food.
Bless all Thy mercies from above
And fill our hearts with gratitude.—Amen.

A PRAYER
DAY UNTO DAY

Our Father, each day is a little life, each night a tiny death; help us to live with faith and hope and love. Lift our duty above drudgery; let not our strength fail, or the vision fade, in the heat and burden of the day. O God, make us patient and pitiful one with one another in the fret and jar of life, remembering that each fights a hard fight and walks a lonely way.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we hurt our fellow souls; teach us a gentler tone, a sweeter charity of words, and a more healing touch. Sustain us, O God, when we must face sorrow; give us courage for the day and hope for the morrow. Day unto day may we lay hold of thy hand and look up into thy face, whatever befall, until our work is finished and the day is done. In His name, Amen.

McGIFFERT INAUGURATION

Monday evening, February 19, preceding the Pastoral Conference, will be the occasion for the formal inauguration of the new president of Pacific School of Religion, Dr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr. The ceremony will be held at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, and will be attended by representatives from academic and religious institutions throughout the west. Many Eastern colleges are planning to send representatives. The ceremony will be open to the public.

MODOC INDIANS

Churches and individuals sending clothing for the Indians in Modoc County will please note that hereafter these boxes should be sent to Mrs. Amy Jarman, Alturas, Calif., instead of to Rev. J. K. Ballou, as formerly. Transportation for all such boxes should be prepaid. When we give clothing to the Indians we cannot expect them to pay express charges.

Temple of Religion 1940

The Board of Directors of the Temple of Religion and Tower of Peace has voted to participate in the 1940 Exposition on Treasure Island. The Temple of Religion welcomes within its fold all creeds and faiths, asking only that they agree to a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Last year the Temple of Religion membership included representatives from Bahai, Buddhist, Christian Science, Jewish, Mormon, Protestant, and Salvation Army groups. The fine gains of 1939 will prove a stimulus toward greater achievements in 1940.

The officers of this project feel that the cause of religion has been definitely strengthened through the Temple of Religion. The aim is to collect such an exhibit as will unite, not separate, religious groups.

National Midwinter Meetings

Evanston has sometimes been called the winter capital of Congregationalism. Here were gathered the Laymen's Fellowship National Committee, the Women State Presidents, the Executive Committee of the General Council, the Program Committee for the General Council, the directors of the Board of Home Missions, the Prudential Committee of the American Board, the Missions Council with its Ad Interim Committee, its Joint Staff, and Joint Cabinet, and the Conference of State Superintendents. Perhaps fully as important as the meetings are the opportunities for personal contacts in working out schedules of speakers, church building plans, treasury problems, and the furnishing and securing of information about churches and ministers in process of pastoral change.

No new drive or extra campaign is being projected by the Missions Council, but rather a continuance of long term promotion and education, endeavoring to carry to every single Congregationalist the story of our cause that there may be awakened sustained interest.

Great progress has been made in cutting down the cost of overhead as unified promotion has gone forward. *The Missionary Herald* material now goes into 66,000 homes. From every side comes the testimony that our literature is reaching a higher level of quality. Editions are snapped up quickly and there is little carry-over on the shelves.

Dr. Douglass Horton is making his leadership felt as Secretary of the General Council. Exceedingly encouraging reports come of the helpful character of conferences for ministers being held all over America under the direction of Secretary F. L. Fagley.

Judging from remarks dropped, Berkeley will have a filling up next August at the General Council meeting. With very few exceptions, leaders of our National and State work are coming. It will be the greatest occasion of inspiration we have had in California.

Change of Dates

The General Council meeting will be held in Berkeley, August 13-20, 1940. Please note the change in date. This change was made necessary by advance in date of registration at University of California. It has been accepted by all of the Committees and Boards concerned. Let us in Northern California save the dates. Our first chance, and our last chance for many years, to have our great national meeting in our midst.

REPRESENTATIVES

Northern California is being represented at the Midwinter Meetings at Evanston by Prof. C. A. Kofoid, member of the Prudential Committee of the A.B.C.F.M.; by Mrs. Kofoid; by Mrs. R. A. Fuller, State President of Federation of Congregational Women; and by Superintendent Gill.

Convalescing

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Jason Noble Pierce is recovering, in the hospital, from her recent accident, caused by an automobile striking her while she was in a safety zone.

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Laymen's School of Churchmanship

The program for the Laymen's Conference, or School of Churchmanship, to be held Sunday, February 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, is now completed. At least four leading laymen from each Congregational church within a 100-mile radius from Berkeley will compose the group, and will include a deacon, a trustee (or treasurer, or both), a Sunday school leader, and the key man of the church.

The leaders and speakers at the conference will include Mr. C. T. Tinker, President Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr., Dr. Frank R. Burton, Mr. George S. Martin, Mr. Andrew Spinas, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Approximately 500 ministers and religious workers from the West will gather in Berkeley on February 20, 21 and 22 for the Annual Interdenominational Pastoral Conference sponsored by the Pacific School of Religion.

The feature of the conference will be the three Earl lectures, to be delivered by Dr. Walter Marshall Horton, who has announced as the topic of his series, "Jesus, Our Eternal Contemporary." His lectures will be given at the evening sessions (8 o'clock) at the First Congregational Church, Dana and Channing, Berkeley.

Dr. Karl Beth will speak on "The Contribution of Depth Psychology (Jung and Adler) to Understanding the Christian Message." Dr. Harold Bosley of the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church of Baltimore, Md., will offer three lectures on "The Logic of Religious Discovery." Another speaker at the conference will be Dr. Karl Morgan Block, Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Church, who will lecture on "Preaching to Life Situations." One lecture will be given by Dr. Albert E. Day of the First Methodist Church of Pasadena, and one by Dr. Fritz Kunkel, noted psychotherapist.

Frank McCulloch, Secretary for Industrial Relations of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational-Christian Churches, will also speak.

Prof. John C. Bennett will offer a seminar on "Contemporary Christian Thinking"; Professor J. Holman will give one on "Religious Education of Children, Young People and Adults"; Dr. C. C. McCown on "Archeological Light on Biblical Problems"; and Dr. James Muilenburg on "The Prophet Jeremiah in a World at War."

1940 Hand Book

Our Hand Book for 1940 has great value for all of us—with its year's guide for the reading of the Bible, prepared by our own Rev. Miles B. Fisher of Berkeley; and its great variety of information and suggestion. Price 3 cents per copy; obtainable at the Conference office.

1939 Benevolences

The final church-by-church report for 1939 appears herewith, and in parallel column is the report of the same churches for 1938. Eighty-four churches assisted; 41 increased, including five that did not give at all in 1938; 38 decreased, including two that did not contribute in 1939 at all. The sum total is an increase of $600, and the amount from the churches was about $500 greater, which is an encouraging sign. Several churches have already indicated increases for 1940. May not this be a year of real progress.

Church	1939	1938
Adin	$ 83.10	$ 70.56
Alameda	812.15	800.12
Alturas	45.17	62.69
Angels Camp	130.75	129.25
Antioch	15.00	22.50
Auburn	90.50	101.98
Benicia	10.00	20.00
Berkeley, Chinese	20.00	18.85
First	5,116.45	4,908.91
Kensington	10.00	20.00
North	630.64	718.67
Park	72.69	65.36
Campbell	310.00	301.95
Cloverdale	151.09	77.94
Cotati	33.50	63.23
Crockett	65.40	37.13
Eureka	375.00	303.91
Fairfax	25.00	20.00
Ferndale	289.20	302.71
Fowler	.....	18.00
Fresno, First	908.82	1,109.43
Japanese	15.00	15.00
Pilgrim	222.50	200.00
Zion	50.00	32.85
Glen Ellen	10.00	.....
Grass Valley	15.00	15.00
Guerneville	9.00	10.25
Hayfork	3.00	10.00
Hayward	200.00	200.00
Kenwood	25.00	41.11
Lodi, First	1,296.88	1,260.65
Loomis	45.00	45.22
Martinez	325.00	346.03
Murphys	60.00	70.20
Niles	20.45	25.70
Oakland, Bethany	40.00	40.00
First	5,284.12	5,403.46
Fruitvale	45.00	48.50
Japanese	5.00	10.00
Pilgrim	43.00	44.50
Plymouth	852.03	795.97
Oroville	79.44	85.87
Pacific Grove	309.09	360.26
Palo Alto	2,166.63	2,000.00
Paradise	245.90	197.60
Parlier	5.00	10.00
Penngrove	20.39	31.56
Pescadero	.....	5.00
Petaluma	731.30	762.36
Pittsburg	187.69	165.78
Port Chicago	6.00	.....
Porterville	260.00	200.00
Redwood City	882.79	785.48
Reedley	10.00	15.00
Rio Vista	120.00	120.00
Ripon	216.02	200.00
Sacramento	921.55	878.83
Salida	31.40	33.71
San Carlos	90.26	85.00
San Francisco—		
Bethany Mission Park	288.86	558.07
Calvary	20.00	.....
Chinese	29.08	20.37
First	1,886.85	1,750.50
Ocean View	52.20	45.00
Richmond	100.00	113.50
San Jose	800.00	737.00
San Leandro	102.00	92.82
San Lorenzo	10.00	.....
San Mateo	663.39	350.00
San Rafael	42.50	20.00
Santa Cruz	926.10	865.00
Santa Rosa	188.41	176.26
Saratoga	484.73	600.00
Sebastopol	223.40	233.21
Sonoma	102.50	101.29
Soquel	100.00	117.00
Stockton	701.56	686.46
Suisun	69.58	82.78
Sunnyvale	28.14	43.31
Sunol	45.00	.....
Tulare	455.00	456.00
Weaverville	122.29	154.63
Woodside	21.00	20.00
Reno, Nevada	456.17	499.21
Miscellaneous (inc. Thank Offering and individual "special def." gifts)	2,978.75	2,883.91
	$34,941.41	$34,330.21

BENICIA. At the annual meeting it was reported that achievements during the year included the payment of the old debt and installation of a new roof. It is hoped the exterior of the building will soon be painted. The Sunday School is in a thriving condition, and church attendance has improved. Mr. Arthur R. Flick is pastor.

Thank Offering

Here is the story of the Thank Offering. What an outpouring of devotion and interest it represents. Forty-six churches participated this year, 24 of them giving more than last year, a number of others not holding even, but altogether a splendid result. The distribution of it has already been made: $970 to the Northern California Congregational Conference for the support of the work in Trinity County and the Children's Project at Grace United Church, San Francisco; $317.65 to the American Board to apply on the salary of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Wilbur; and $156.23 for the building fund of Tillotson College. It was hoped that $200 or $250 might be gotten for this purpose but that was not quite realized.

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Thank Offering secretary, points out that if the women's groups will only put out the Thank Offering boxes early in the year and mention it at each meeting, not leaving it until late in the year, much more would be raised.

Church	1939	1938
Alameda	$ 40.62	$ 61.46
Angels Camp	7.06	.....
Antioch	16.48	21.43
Auburn	6.14	13.29
Benicia	13.60	20.00
Berkeley, First	67.00	92.63
North	34.30	33.92
Cloverdale	8.80	8.26
Cotati	10.00	8.00
Eureka	55.78	49.50
Ferndale	13.31	13.90
Fresno, First	53.68	71.11
Hayward	25.00	25.00
Lodi, First	62.31	62.65
Loomis	5.00	5.00
Martinez	25.51	20.83
Murphys	5.00	5.00
Oakland, Bethany	5.00	5.00
First	220.91	207.73
Fruitvale	11.00	14.06
Pilgrim	14.00	10.00
Plymouth	41.00	20.00
Oroville	.....	5.00
Pacific Grove	21.56	22.00
Palo Alto	101.05	112.40
Paradise	11.25	9.80
Petaluma	47.53	36.49
Pittsburg	24.33	22.60
Redwood City	19.20	23.00
Ripon	22.00	21.63
Sacramento	33.05	16.02
San Carlos	5.30	.....
San Francisco—		
Bethany Mission Park	13.00	21.25
Calvary	4.00	2.34
First	100.77	74.70
Richmond	5.40	.....
San Jose	60.40	60.00
San Leandro	16.12	11.10
San Mateo	50.00	50.00
Santa Cruz	47.70	50.00
Saratoga	26.00	41.26
Sebastopol	26.97	20.01
Sonoma	10.00	7.50
Stockton	30.00	35.00
Sunnyvale	6.00	9.50
Tulare	17.75	12.21
Weaverville	2.00	.....
Individual	1.00	1.00
	$1,443.88	$1,433.58

Social Action Meet

The Conference Committee on Social Action is calling a conference of ministers and laymen who are most concerned about the social responsibility of the church to meet for consultation at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on Monday, February 19, from 1:30 to 5:45.

The speakers are Mr. John R. Richards, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Re-employment, Mr. Frank W. McCulloch, secretary for Industrial Relations of the Congregational Council for Social Action and Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, who will preside at a discussion concerning the present status of Social Action in the denomination and in the Conference, and concerning the possibilities of closer fellowship and mutual guidance and support among ministers and laymen in relation to social action.

Professor John C. Bennett, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, and Rev. Stephen C. Peabody are the committee on program.

MORE NEWS NOTES

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Thirty-six subscriptions to THE PACIFIC have been renewed and fifteen new ones added, making a total of 51 subscriptions, and the list includes every family in the church. Rev. J. B. Orr is pastor.

WEAVERVILLE. Watch Night Services were held, and a fine Christmas program was given. The junior choir gave a cantata and the Sunday School a pageant which was written by one of the members. "White Gifts for the King" were received and distributed to the needy. Nearly all Weaverville attended the Christmas service. One person joined the church on confession of faith. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Annual meeting indicated progress in nearly all departments, as compared with a year ago, with a balance in each treasury. Unanimous approval was voted to initiate the "Forward Movement" outlined by the Conference committee of the same name. A movement has been started to purchase new hymnals for the church. Mr. Byron E. Eshelman is the pastor.

SAN RAFAEL. The church has been a beehive of activity of late, with an extensive program of interior and exterior redecoration. A complete new paint job was recently undertaken. On Sunday, January 21, the Gideons had charge of the morning service. Mr. Merrill R. Nelson is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Exclusive of Cradle Roll and Home Department, the Sunday School enrollment is now 310, which is the largest in ten years. The entire amount for the new roof on the church building is now fully subscribed. Eight new members were added in January. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is pastor.

ALAMEDA. The church is entering into the "Forward Movement in the Churches" which calls for the following objectives: A 10 per cent net gain in membership, a 25 per cent gain in church attendance, and adoption of the Program of Progress. Rev. Gail Cleland is pastor.

50 YEARS OF HISTORY

Pacific Coast Congregationalists will be keenly interested in the forthcoming history of Congregationalism for its first fifty years in California. It is nearing completion under the competent authorship of Rev. W. W. Ferrier, who has written such notable histories of the University of California, of the advancement of education in California, of the city of Berkeley, and other California subjects. A committee is preparing a descriptive circular which will soon give pastors, churches, and others who are interested, an opportunity to subscribe for copies in advance of publication.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 15-16—Annual meeting of Federation of Congregational Women, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

February 19—Afternoon—Social Action Conference.

February 19—Evening—Inauguration of President A. C. McGiffert.

February 20-22—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

February 25—Laymen's Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

March 24—Easter.

August 12-13—State Conference, Berkeley.

August 13-20—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Berkeley.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN MATEO. This church starts 1940 with a larger membership, a more stimulating program, a more completely equipped plant, a finer morale, and a more hopeful outlook than a year ago. Preparations leading up to Easter begin early in February. San Mateo is growing numerically, with new buildings exceeding any previous record. New families are moving in by the hundred. Chimes records were broadcast from the church tower on the Friday night before Christmas, and could be heard for blocks. A colored stereopticon picture of the Sistine Madonna was shown on the church wall, and a candle-lit altar in the church chancel was piled high with white gifts. The gifts were so numerous that they required a trailer to convey them to 350 migrant children at Dos Palos. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. A fine annual meeting was held, reporting all bills paid and a substantial balance to begin 1940. Many improvements were made during the year, including painting the church and parsonage, some rooms re-tinted, including the Ladies' Parlor, which is now a place of beauty. A new lighting system has been installed in the auditorium. Sixteen names were read as having been members of the church for over fifty years, Mrs. Sarah Lee Hines having been a member for 73 years. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, reported having made 2501 calls, given 37 outside addresses, and officiated at 58 weddings and 78 funerals during the year.

MARTINEZ. Some subjects for sermons at the morning services in January, February, and March are: "A Growing Faith in God's Love," "The Value of the Individual," "Adventure in being Christian," "Signs of Growth," "Broken Palm Branches," "Faith for These Times." The evening services are held at 7:30 and are given to Bible study. The pastor's class, leading up to Easter, is held Saturday and Sunday morning. Rev. Verdette Walters is pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. At five o'clock Christmas morning, a well attended candlelight service was held. This is something entirely new. A children's party was held on December 20 with 140 children and mothers present. An adult Sunday School dinner party was given in the evening. Carolers sang at homes in the parish, one group beginning at 8:00 p. m., and another group at 10:00 p. m. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. A hundred persons are enrolled in the College of Life. "International Night" was held by the Women's League, with Swiss, Mexican, Japanese, and American dishes for dinner, also a program consisting of selections of Swiss songs, Negro spirituals, Japanese dances, and Mexican music, all participants in native costume. Rev. T. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Dr. and Mrs. Albert W. Palmer will be guests of Plymouth Church Thursday evening, February 22. Dr. Palmer, now president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, was pastor of this church for ten years. A gift of $100 has come in for the continuation of the Community survey. Attendance at the church services is increasing. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

PESCADERO. The members of the church are using the "Fellowship of Prayer." Church services are held the second Sunday of each month. The social hall has been improved, and the repair fund for the church building is increasing. Rev. J. C. Kelsey is pastor.

LODI. Reports of the annual meeting indicated material and spiritual progress. A new gas furnace and new tables for the dining room have been acquired, and the entire kitchen remodeled. The seven-year-old Scout Troop No. 25, sponsored by the church, continues to grow. The church reported all bills paid and a balance. The Treasurer, Mrs. P. O. Rinde, has held this position for 26 years. The membership of the church is 313, twenty-six new members having been added during 1939. The Methodist and Congregational churches of Lodi have held union Sunday evening services throughout the year, and recently held a united communion service with six deacons from each church and the two ministers presiding. The young people of both churches unite for a youth meeting each Sunday evening, at alternate churches. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The 78th annual meeting disclosed a 1939 gain in membership, with all departments and organizations functioning well; also for the fourth successive year under Rev. Charles E. Ward, the church operated within its budget, with no debts outstanding, despite several unexpected maintenance and new equipment expenses. The Fellowship of Youth acted as host to the Palo Alto and San Carlos fellowships on January 28, with a record attendance of 72. The Women's Guild also established a new record for a regular meeting, 108 attending on January 24 to hear Carroll D. Hall of "Bonanza Inn" fame.

RENO, NEVADA. The Ladies' Aid Society of the church is purchasing an additional 27 feet of land next to the present building. Regular attendance at the church services is being urged, especially to secure the attendance of entire families. Stanley Jones' book, "Along the Indian Road" is being reviewed and interpreted in the Women's Missionary Society. Rev. William M. Case is pastor.

KENWOOD. New drapes have been secured for the doors back of the pulpit, and were presented by the Kenwood ladies. New lights have been installed through the work of the Mite Society. The outside of the church will be painted in the spring, funds for the work being now on hand. The pastor of the Kenwood and Glen Ellen churches, Rev. Frank E. Boren, is now beginning his eleventh year of service in this field.

GLEN ELLEN. The church has a new carpet, new lighting system, and has painted the interior and exterior of the building. The Mayflower Hall is completely remodeled. Rev. Frank E. Boren is pastor.

SANTA ROSA. The Youth Church put on a play, "The Sorrowful Star," and sang in the seven wards of the county hospital. They also furnished refreshments to the patients, conducted a party and a watch night service, and aided in serving the annual dinner. They also initiated four new members. The church choir is growing in numbers and effectiveness. Rev. Wilfred Withington is pastor.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. January saw annual meetings at both these churches, held in church hall, after morning service. A fellowship dinner was followed by reports and election of officers. All bills were paid, and a spirit of optimism was evident. Both churches aim to do a lot better in benevolence giving in 1940. Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. The annual meeting reports indicated that $6,293 was raised and expended for all church purposes during 1939, including $1650 toward building indebtedness. There is a substantial balance in every treasury to start the new year. The 20 per cent increase in benevolences has been underwritten by members and friends. Reports also disclose that more than $30,000 has been raised for all church purposes since the opening of the present pastorate in September, 1935. Following the usual custom, the first service of the new year, the quarterly communion, was dedicated to the memory of members who had passed away during the year, nine in number, and to Rev. Charles D. Milliken, who served this church so ably and faithfully. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

HAYFORK. Annual bazaar was held, with sale of fancy work, candy and food. Fifty dollars was raised for the repairs of the church. New floor in the church has been laid, the men of Weaverville and Hayfork uniting to do this work during the rainy season. Christmas program was given with good attendance, and gifts from children of Grace United Church in San Francisco and Redwood City Church, as well as other churches, were distributed among the Hayfork Sunday School children. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

EUREKA. The first anniversary of the regular Sunday morning worship broadcast over Station KIEM has just been held. Many letters of appreciation for the broadcast have been received during the year. Mrs. M. Hemingway and daughter, Isabel, who are on their way back to Taiku Hospital, Shansi, China, visited friends here and gave interesting addresses, one of which was over the radio to 700 High School students. Rev. C. H. Hudson, pastor.

RIPON. Annual meeting revealed interest and progress in all departments of the church, with a goodly balance in all of the organizations. New chairs were purchased by the Ladies' Aid, and additions made in the church kitchen. The Sunday School is in good condition, and the Cross & Crown System is now being used to arouse continued interest in attendance. The benevolence giving of the church is well over the quota. Rev. Robert A. Bentley is pastor.

SARATOGA. At the annual meeting unanimous and enthusiastic approval was given to a plan of procedure toward a building for children and youth as an addition to the church building. Cheers greeted the announcement of two unsolicited gifts toward this project, totaling $1,000. A projector and curtain costing $75 have been installed. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is the pastor.

CROCKETT. $1100 has been paid on the $1500 note borrowed to complete the new church building, and the balance is covered by active subscriptions. No special appeal for current expenses has been made, but the budget is balanced for 1939. The poorest attendance in the new church was better than an especially good attendance in the old. Rev. Rudolph Caughey is pastor.

ARLINGTON AVENUE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE. Junior High Club has been formed with 23 members, for the purpose of creative leisure activity. Meetings are held on Sunday afternoons. The Hi K Club for senior high school young people meets on Sunday evenings. Mr. Dan Wilson is director.

PITTSBURG. Increase of 25 per cent in church attendance over last January was reported. The Sunday School is putting on an attendance and achievement contest, running through April. Special Lenten services are to be held Sunday evenings, the study course to be Ernest Colwell's book, "John Defends the Gospel." The general sermon subject for February and March is "The Twenty-Third Psalm," with weekly sermon subjects as follows: "The Religion of Experience," "A Resting Place," "Still Water," "A Refreshing Season," "The Valley of Shadows," "The Brimming Cup," and "Fellow Travelers." Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A new church directory is being compiled. Average attendance at morning service for the last twelve Sundays in 1939 was 636. The annual reports showed all departments in good condition. Dr. Fritz Kunkel, Berlin psychotherapist, is leading a class on "Building Creative Relationships," and Dr. George Hedley has a class on "Study of the Bible." Dr. T. Z. Koo and Miss Muriel Lester have been Sunday evening pulpit guests. Rev. V. V. Loper is pastor.

SALIDA. A Christmas pageant written and directed by the Sunday school superintendent, La Verne Carlson, was well received by an audience which completely filled the church. At the annual meeting a pot-luck supper was served, and it was reported that the church had balanced its budget. This is an achievement inasmuch as the income had to be greatly increased due to the securing of a pastor for full-time work. Rev. C. V. Carlson is minister.

SAN CARLOS. A very successful year was reported. Population of the community is increasing rapidly, with 250 new homes built and 50 more under construction. The Sunday School is overcrowded. An addition to the building is necessary, or an entire new building at a new location. The church is in good financial condition, and the people are hopeful and progressive, with church attendance increasing. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

SONOMA. Reports at the annual meeting on January 10 showed an increase in membership, with all bills paid, the new budget almost entirely underwritten, and funds started for renovating the building. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

FAIRFAX. Rev. Charles L. Mears has handed in his resignation as pastor of the church, effective March 1, and will take a much needed rest before deciding what future work he will undertake. Mr. and Mrs. Mears have given 20 years of service to three churches of our Conference—Alameda, Reno and Fairfax.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Our Federation Annual Meeting will be held in Plymouth Church, 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, on February 15 and 16. It begins Thursday, the 15th, at 2 p. m. The afternoon program includes an address by Dr. Herman F. Swartz; devotional service led by Rev. Robert W. Inglis, pastor of Plymouth Church; report from our committee on revision of the Federation constitution, with period for discussion. (A vote on this will be taken Friday morning.) A new feature will be motion pictures and slides of our Home work shown by Field Secretary Sherman during interim between afternoon session and dinner. Men are urged to attend the dinner (6:30 p. m.) at which Dr. Frank McCulloch, secretary for Industrial Relations, Congregational Council for Social Action, will speak. Friday morning we shall hear Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, one of our own California boys (Sacramento) who has served with distinction in our Madura Mission, India, and is now on furlough. He will be in Northern California for 19 days and our churches are eagerly "dating him up" through the Conference office. We shall hear from our Federation president, just returned from the Indianapolis and Evanston meetings; also our annual reports, and an inspirational address by Dr. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley First Church.

There will be no speaker at luncheon (12:30). We are all earnestly exhorted to refrain from chatting in the lobby, which invariably disturbs the meeting in session. *Imperative*—Make reservations by name and church for Thursday dinner (65c) and Friday luncheon (45c) with Mrs. Huber Burr, 2612 Dana Street, Berkeley (phone BErkeley 5335R), by Tuesday night, February 13. Duly accredited delegates desiring overnight entertainment should write her as soon as possible.

January Meeting

At our January Federation meeting, Mrs. Scott Haymond, first vice-president, presided in the absence of our president, from whom she read a letter giving us a glimpse of her trip east. For interesting items from reports of our Federation secretaries, see your commissioner's letter from Mrs. L. H. Richards, our corresponding secretary. The list of Thank Offerings will be found on another page of THE PACIFIC.

The speaker of the day was Mrs. D. Goodsell, mother of Dr. F. F. Goodsell. She told of our work and workers in the Near East, where Dr. Goodsell spent over 20 years in missionary work before becoming executive vice-president of the American Board. His daughter, Lynda, and family (the Everett Blakes) have been there for some years. In September they left Merzifon because our girls' school there had been closed (American Board financial retrenchment), and went to Izmir (Smyrna), where they are to be associated with our American Collegiate Institute of which Miss Edith Parsons is principal. Mr. Blake will take over the finance and business management of the school; their home will be a social center, and both will do some teaching. The recent terrible earthquakes in Turkey centered in the Merzifon region, and that city of 14,000 inhabitants "went up in smoke" (according to reports), after the earthquakes, which also affected the rivers so that with heavy rains following, the Izmir region suffered greatly from floods.

Important Activities

After going over the top of its yearly goal, one section of the Saratoga Women's Auxiliary wished to help a new project, that of providing for the care of little children during church service so that their parents might attend church. One member of the section opened her home for a luncheon limited to 50 women, the proceeds to go to the aforesaid project. A travel talk on her trip around South America followed the luncheon, and the occasion provided both the quarter's pay for the children's worker and a delightful afternoon for all who attended.

An important action of the women of San Jose Church is the combining of the work of their Women's Federation and the Kingdom Extension Society under one president and one program. Business is cared for at 1:30, with a program at 2:30. Only one meeting has been held under the new form of organization, so it is somewhat on trial. The Kingdom Extension Society was the Mission Study group. Now they must get the missionary work across in some other way. They have "World broadcasts from Station K.E.S." each month.

On January 27 came (air mail) from our president, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, a marked program of the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions, which she has been attending in Indianapolis. Heavily marked items are: May Day Luncheons; Mission Study Courses Dramatized; Demonstration of Home Mission Radio Transcriptions; Share Croppers. We look forward eagerly to her report at our annual meeting.

Recent word from Miss Maryette Lum of North China tells of the safe arrival at their destination of the things we sent by her to Dr. Alma Cooke; also that her Bridgman Academy girls "touched up" the choice used Christmas cards we sent them, and sold them for $40 Mexican (about $4 U. S.) which they used for flood refugees.

The women of the Sunnyvale Mite Society will miss the leadership of their former pastor's wife, Mrs. C. G. Marshall, but are rallying to make the year ahead a strong one in every way. Under their planning, a delightful reception was given their new pastor, Rev. J. K. Ballou, and his wife.

Broadmoor women's interesting Thank Offering Service prepared by one of their own members, has been placed on file in the Conference office, as was also the one prepared by Miss Helen Perkins for Oakland First Church women. A copy of either may be obtained by request.

At their annual luncheon in January, the women's group of the Pittsburg Community Church had a lovely installation service given by Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Federation president. The women voted $10 towards ministerial relief.

A recent service of First Congregational Methodist Temple women is their help in supplying much-needed new acousticons for the church. The result is greatly appreciated by the hard of hearing.

A cablegram to the American Board reported that all of our missionaries in Turkey were well; but details are anxiously awaited. Suffering and great need are widespread.

The Women's Federation of Grace United Church of the Mission, San Francisco, is the larger women's group, which includes the work of the Dorcas, Martha, and Miriam Circles (membership largely Methodist) and the Pilgrim and Priscilla Circles (membership largely Congregational); also the Wesleyan Service Guild, a missionary-minded organization, mainly younger women, many of whom are business and professional women; the United Missionary Society; and the Cluga Class, a Church School Sunday and social class. The social welfare groups collect and distribute clothing for migrants, and needy of the community; distribute toys and food at Christmas time; and work with the Needlework Guild. Two large boxes were sent to the migrants this Christmas, and one to the Indians. The Mothers' Club is a study group for mothers. They have a lending library; also a nursery to care for the children while the mothers study.

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that which is needful to everyone. No topic that a serious-minded man ought to consider will be beyond its range."

Down to the year 1919 THE PACIFIC was published weekly. The subscription price, which was eight dollars at first, was soon reduced to six, and after the second year to five. This price was maintained until 1861.

The first issue, 2,500 copies, was printed at an expenditure of $426, paper costing then $18 per ream. Abel Whitton, a member of the First Congregational Church, who was the foreman in the office in which it was printed, received $75 a week, the compositors $1.50 per thousand ems. Such was the scarcity of paper at that time in San Francisco that THE PACIFIC appeared several times during the first year on brown wrapping paper, once of a bright yellow color.

As soon as the first number had been printed the publisher betook himself to the mines and returned after two weeks with a large number of subscriptions.

In the earlier years it was possible to secure considerable advertising. Its continuance during its first twenty-five years was due largely to the work of the Rev. S. V. Blakeslee, who was "field editor," went horseback through the valleys and over the mountains securing subscriptions and writing interesting and valuable articles on life as he was finding it in progressive California.

For thirty years the leading editorials were written without remuneration, by the Rev. J. A. Benton, who was in 1869 the person chosen to lead in the establishing of Pacific Theological Seminary—now Pacific School of Religion.

From the time of its inception THE PACIFIC had a highly influential part in the moulding of the life of the state educationally as well as religiously. During the last twenty years of its existence as a weekly it carried not less than twenty thousand words of reading matter each week—thus making itself widely serviceable. For 69 years it served Oregon and Washington as well as California.

The complete files in the Bancroft Library at the University of California are regarded as one of its most valuable acquisions. These files are the joint possession of the University and Pacific School of Religion.

As editor and manager of THE PACIFIC from July, 1897, to January, 1920, I rejoice in its continued existence and the service it goes on rendering in this, its 90th year.

—W. W. FERRIER.

Rev. V. H. Yessayan

Rev. Vahan Haig Yessayan, pastor of the Oakland, Bethany Church, passed away at the Alameda Sanitarium, January 5, following an operation. He was born in Terzili, Turkey, January 10, 1889. He attended the American High School at Talas, Turkey. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and then from the Chicago Theological Seminary. His Bachelor of Arts degree was received at North Dakota University. He served as a licensed preacher in Turkey, and as a student pastor in West Pullman, Illinois. After his ordination, which took place at Mott, N. Dakota, in 1917, he was pastor at Marmarth, N. D., for two years, at Reedley, Calif., for three years, and at Bethany Church, Oakland, ten years. The Bethany Church is really his creation. He organized it, led it in securing the use of the present building, and in the ten years of its existence has been its only pastor.

Funeral services were conducted in the church on January 9. Several Armenian pastors assisted Rev. M. G. Papazian and Superintendent Gill in the service. The church auditorium and parlor were filled to capacity, revealing the affection in which he was held by the Armenian community in the state. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, who will continue to make their home in Oakland. Mr. Yessayan was a loyal, cooperative, and able minister, a brother beloved in our Northern California fellowship.

Rev. F. Vernon Jones

Word has just been received of the passing of Rev. F. Vernon Jones, Pastor Emeritus of Niles.

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